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Sir:

Applicants seek to amend the application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 22, 24, 27, and 34 without prejudice and add new claim 36. Please amend claims 21, 26, 29, and 33 as follows (as required by 37 CFR §1.121(c), a clean copy of each of the amended claims is set forth below and a marked-up copy of each of the amended claims is set forth in Appendix A)

B1 21. (Amended) A cap for a writing instrument, the cap comprising:
a first end having a first aperture for receiving the writing instrument;
a second end having a second aperture and a non-writing retractable tip disposed therein,
the retractable tip being adapted for interacting with a touch sensitive display, the retractable tip
movable between a first normal position retracted substantially within the second aperture and a
second extended position; and

a tip extension element coupled to the retractable tip and disposed in the cap, the tip
extension element operative to cooperate with an end of the writing instrument to force the
retractable tip to extend outwardly from the second aperture to the second extended position.

B2 26. (Amended) A writing instrument for alternatively writing on a surface and for
interfacing with a touch sensitive display, the writing instrument comprising:
an elongated body having a first end having a writing tip and a second end; and

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